for the discussion of the report may not be necessary. Anyway, let us see the trend of discussion on the 28th and 29th October 1957 and then we can decide.

I suppose the House agrees with the recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee.

The recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee were put and carried.

VI.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS GENERAL SALES TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1957.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the Report[a] of the Select Committee on the Madras General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1957 (L.A. Bill No. 10 of 1957).

(2) THE MADRAS DISTRICT BOARDS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. Srimathi Lourdhammal Simon will move the Bill.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : The amendments given notice of by hon. Members have not yet been circulated.

MR. SPEAKER : Sri Kalyanasundaram's amendment is with me here. There is another amendment given notice of by Sri N. K. Palanisami. The difficulty was, as usual, the Bill appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and the Assembly Secretariat could not get sufficient number of copies. It was presumed that the publication in the Gazette was enough. Evidently, hon. Members did not read the Gazette thoroughly. In the circumstances, I will allow hon. Members to give notice of amendments up to 11-30 a.m. to-day.

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the Madras District Boards (Amendment) Bill[b], 1957, and move—

"that the Bill be taken into consideration at once."

The House may be aware that the term of office of the Members of all district boards in this State will expire on 31st October 1957, afternoon. While moving Demand No. XXVI during the last budget session, I made a statement about the future of district boards in this State. Therein I stated that the Government proposed to introduce a Bill during this session with a view to authorising the postponement of elections to these bodies which have now fallen due. The reason which prompted the Government to take this decision was that it is likely that some time next year, district boards would have to be abolished altogether or reconstituted in a manner different from that at present in force and that the time.

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a Printed as Appendix on pages 78–81 infra.

b Published in the *Fort St. Gexrge Gazctle* Extraordinary, dated 16th October 1957.